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SUBJECT

RECOMMENDATION BY CABINET OFFICERS THAT

DATE DISTR.

15 OCTOBER 1963

NHU BE MADE PRIME MINISTER

PRECEDENCE

ROUTINE

DATE OF INFO.

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SUMMARY.

VICE PRESIDENT NOUYEN NGOC THO

MEETING OF CABINET OFFICERS ... EARLY OCTOBER IT WAS DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT DIEY . AT NGO DINH NHU BE APPOINTED THIS PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE A PRIME MINISTER. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD BE VOTED BY THE NATIONAL

VICE PRESIDENT THO IN EARLY OCTOBER HE HAD CALLED A MEETING OF ALL CABINET MEMBERS TO

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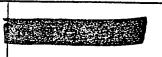


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DISCUSS THE STATUS OF NGO DINH NHU IN THE GOVERNMENT. THO SAID THAT THE CABINET DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT DIEM THAT NHU BE APPOINTED PRIME MINISTER, REASONING THAT IF THE PRESIDENT DID NOT INTEND TO REDUCE NHU'S INFLUENCE IN GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, THE LATTER'S APPOINTMENT TO AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT POST WOULD AT LEAST MAKE HIM ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS ACTIONS.

- IF THE PRESIDENT ACCEPTED
 THIS SUGGESTION, A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED BUT
 THAT THIS WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM AS THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WOULD
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